



THE DERBY DISPATCH

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CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES KICKS OFF SATURDAY WITH RISEN STAR

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Friday, Feb. 15, 2019) – The Road to the Kentucky Derby Championship Series returns in earnest Saturday.

Over the next nine weekends, 3-year-old Thoroughbreds will continue their quest for points in select races to secure a berth in the starting gate for the 145th running of the \$3 million Kentucky Derby presented by Woodford Reserve (Grade I) on Saturday, May 4 at Churchill Downs.

The Road to the Kentucky Derby presented by Woodford Reserve is action-packed this weekend with a quartet of races, led by Saturday's Risen Star (GII) at Fair Grounds – the first "Championship Series" race that will award 50 points to the winner and 20 to the runner-up. The third and fourth-place finisher will earn 10 and 5 points, respectively.

The "Prep Season" races, which award 10-4-2-1 points to the Top 4, conclude with Saturday's El Camino Real Derby at Golden Gate and Monday's Southwest (GIII) at Oaklawn Park. Also, the penultimate race on the Japan Road to the Kentucky Derby is early Sunday morning at Tokyo Racecourse with the Hyacinth. – **Darren Rogers**

WAR OF WILL TOPS RISEN STAR – Lecomte (Grade III) winner **War of Will** has been installed as the 5-2 morning line favorite among 14 runners in Saturday's \$400,000 Risen Star (GII), the second of three Kentucky Derby qualifiers at Fair Grounds. The 1 1/16-mile race also serves as the first of 16 races in the Championship Season portion of the Road to the Kentucky Derby series, with 50 points available to the winner.

War of Will picked up 10 points winning the Lecomte with authority, scoring by a four-length margin as the 8-5 favorite, and it marked the first start on a fast main track for the former turf stakes performer. Owned by **Gary Barber** and trained by **Mark Casse**, the son of War Front will have to overcome an outside starting position after receiving post 13 and **Tyler Gaffalione** will be back aboard the stalker.

Owendale comes next at 6-1 following a fine tally over a well-regarded allowance field on Jan. 17. By Into Mischief, the bay colt will make his first stakes attempt for **Brad Cox** and **Shaun Bridgmohan** retains the assignment. Lecomte runner-up **Hog Creek Hustle** has been pegged as the 8-1 third choice on the morning line and **Florent Geroux** sticks with the **Vickie Foley**-trained late runner.

Kentucky Jockey Club (GII) runner-up **Plus Que Parfait** will try to improve upon a fifth in the Lecomte and **Julien Leparoux** rides for **Brendan Walsh**. **Limonite**, unraced since rallying third in the Kentucky Jockey Club, will open his 2019 season for **Steve Asmussen** and adds a new jock in **Brian Hernandez Jr.**

After being scratched from the Lecomte, **Mr. Money** will make his first start since finishing fourth in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile (GI). Regular rider **Gabriel Saez** has the call for **Bret Calhoun**. **Country House** invades from South Florida for **Bill Mott** following a good-looking maiden triumph at Gulfstream Park and **Luis Saez** will accompany the Lookin at Lucky colt.

Multiple turf stakes victor **Henley's Joy** is scheduled to make his first dirt start and other contestants include Lecomte third-placer **Manny Wah** and **Frolic More**, who exits a rallying second to Owendale. Santa Anita maiden winner **Kingly** isn't expected to ship from Southern California and his defection would allow **Gun It** to draw in from the also-eligible list. – **James Scully, TwinSpires.com**

PREP SEASON CLOSES WITH EL CAMINO REAL AND SOUTHWEST STAKES – The Road to the Kentucky Derby "Prep Season" will close this holiday weekend with Saturday's \$100,000 El Camino Real Derby at Golden Gate Fields and Monday's \$500,000 Southwest Stakes (Grade III) at Oaklawn Park.

The El Camino Real Derby, run at 1 1/8 miles over the synthetic Tapeta surface, attracted a field of 13 led by gutsy maiden winner **Kingly** for Hall of Fame trainer **Bob Baffert** and front-running allowance winner **Anothertwistafate** for Northern California-based conditioner **Blaine Wright**.

Monday's Southwest Stakes will be drawn Friday and is expected to feature Smarty Jones Stakes (GIII) winner **Gray Attempt** for veteran trainer **Jinks Fires**. The 1 1/16-mile race is a prep race for the March 16 Rebel (GII) and April 13 Arkansas Derby (GI). – **Kevin Kerstein**

UPCOMING ROAD TO THE DERBY RACES

Date	Race	Track	Top 4 Points
Feb. 16	Risen Star	FG	50-20-10-5
Feb. 16	El Camino Real Derby	GG	10-4-2-1
Feb. 17	Hyacinth#	Tokyo	30-12-6-3
Feb. 18	Southwest	OP	10-4-2-1
March 1	Patton*	Dundalk	20-8-4-2
March 2	Fountain of Youth	GP	50-20-10-5
March 6	Road to the Kentucky Derby*	Kempton	20-8-4-2
March 9	Gotham	Aqu	50-20-10-5
March 9	San Felipe	SA	50-20-10-5
March 9	Tampa Bay Derby	Tam	50-20-10-5
March 9	Jeff Ruby Steaks	TP	20-8-4-2
March 16	Rebel	OP	50-20-10-5
March 23	Louisiana Derby	FG	100-40-20-10
March 24	Sunland Derby	Sun	50-20-10-5
March 30	UAE Derby	Meydan	100-40-20-10
March 30	Florida Derby	GP	100-40-20-10
March 31	Fukuryu#	Nakayama	40-16-8-4
April 6	Wood Memorial	Aqu	100-40-20-10
April 6	Blue Grass	Kee	100-40-20-10
April 6	Santa Anita Derby	SA	100-40-20-10
April 11	Cardinal Condition*	Chelmsford	30-12-6-3
April 13	Arkansas Derby	OP	100-40-20-10
April 13	Lexington	Kee	20-8-4-2

#Japan Road to the Kentucky Derby

*European Road to the Kentucky Derby

ROAD TO THE KENTUCKY DERBY TOP 25

#	Horse	Trainer	Points
1.	Game Winner	Bob Baffert	30
2.	Knicks Go	Ben Colebrook	18
3.	Signalman	Kenny McPeek	18
4.	Gunmetal Gray	Jerry Hollendorfer	18
5.	Long Range Toddy	Steve Asmussen	14
6.	Mucho Gusto	Bob Baffert	14
7.	Maximus Mischief	"Butch" Reid Jr.	12
8.	Tax	Danny Gargan	12
9.	Mind Control	Gregg Sacco	10
10.	Improbable	Bob Baffert	10
11.	Harvey Wallbanger	Kenny McPeek	10
12.	War of Will	Mark Casse	10
13.	Well Defined	Kathleen O'Connell	10
14.	Gray Attempt	Jinks Fires	10
15.	Our Braintrust	Mark Casse	6
16.	Code of Honor	Shug McGaughey III	4
17.	Network Effect	Chad Brown	4
18.	Bankit	Steve Asmussen	4
19.	Everfast	Dale Romans	4
20.	Sueno	Keith Desormeaux	4
21.	Not That Brady	Rudy Rodriguez	4
22.	Hog Creek Hustle	Vickie Foley	4
23.	Plus Que Parfait	Brendan Walsh	4
24.	Mr. Money	Bret Calhoun	2
25.	Rowayton	Jerry Hollendorfer	2

TRIPLE CROWN NOMINEES DERMA LOUVRE, MASTER FENCER TOP HYACINTH FIELD – Triple Crown-nominated **Derma Louvre (JPN)** and **Master Fencer (JPN)** are among the 12 horses that were entered for Sunday morning's Hyacinth at Tokyo Racecourse.

The one-mile race for 3-year-olds, which goes at 12:25 a.m. EDT, is the third of four Japan Road to the Kentucky Derby prep races and awards points to the Top 4 finishers on a 30-12-6-3 scale.

Entries will be finalized for the Hyacinth on Friday. For complete field details, visit: https://umanity.jp/en/racedata/race_8.php?code=2019021705010809.

Hiroyuki Asanuma's Derma Louvre, a son of Pyro, previously finished second in the Zen-Nippon Nisai Yushun on the Japan Road to the Kentucky Derby in mid-December. The colt, trained by **Hirofumi Toda**, has a record of 5-3-1-0 with \$447,672 in purse earnings.

Katsumi Yoshizawa's Master Fencer sports a two-race win streak for trainer **Koichi Tsunoda**.

There were four horses from Japan nominated to the Triple Crown. **Nobutaka Tada**'s **Romantico (JPN)** and **Shinji Maeda**'s **Zeruch (JPN)** were not entered in the Hyacinth.

Only one invitation to compete in the Kentucky Derby will be extended with preference given to the horses with the most points in the Japan Road to the Kentucky Derby series.

The Japan Road to the Kentucky Derby concludes March 31 with the Fukuryu Stakes at Nakayama. The race will award to the Top 4 finishers points on a 40-16-8-4 scale. – **Kevin Kerstein**

NEEDS SUPERVISION, POSITIVE SPIRIT CO-FAVORITES IN RACHEL ALEXANDRA – On the Road to the Kentucky Oaks – the Derby's companion race for 3-year-old fillies on Friday, May 3 – **Gary Barber**, Wachtel Stable and Madaket Stable's Silverbulletday Stakes winner **Need Supervision** is the 5-1 co-morning line favorite along with **Michael Ryan**'s runaway Demoiselle Stakes (Grade II)

winner **Positive Spirit** in Saturday's \$200,000 Rachel Alexandra Stakes (GII) at Fair Grounds.

The 1 1/16-mile race, with a post time of 6:29 p.m. EDT, will award the Top 4 finishers points for the \$1.25 million Longines Kentucky Oaks (GI) on a 50-20-10-5 scale. – **Kevin Kerstein**

SPOTLIGHT HORSE: WAR OF WILL

- Eyes will be on New Orleans Saturday for the return of Lecomte (GIII) winner **War of Will** – one of the top contenders in the mid-south for the Run for the Roses. War of Will, who recently closed at odds of 17-1 in the second Kentucky Derby Future Wager pool, defeated 11 rivals in the Lecomte by four lengths for his first stakes victory on the dirt. A son of top grass stallion War Front, War of Will broke his maiden over the "sloppy" going at Churchill Downs on Nov. 24 following four tries on the turf.
- **Owner information:** **Gary Barber** is a legendary movie producer and prominent horse owner in North America. Barber, a native of South Africa, was the former CEO of MGM from 2010-2018 and co-founder of Spyglass Entertainment. Barber helped oversee hundreds of movies such as *Tomb Raider*, *James Bond: Skyfall* and *Bruce Almighty*. Many of Barber's top horses are named after famed MGM stars such as Kentucky Oaks runner-up **Wonder Gadot**, who Barber named after Wonder Woman's actress Gal Gadot
- **Trainer information:** **Mark Casse** is a second-generation horseman who is most known for training champion mare **Tepin** and Canadian Champions **Sealy Hill**, **Uncaptured**, **Lexie Lou** and **Catch a Glimpse**. Casse was born in Indianapolis, Ind. and grew up in Ocala, Fla. Casse's father, **Norman**, was a trainer in South Florida and one of the founders of the Ocala Breeders' Sales Company. Casse was a top trainer at Churchill Downs in the 1980s and relocated back to Louisville in 2012 where his son, Norm, oversaw a string of 40 horses. Casse is seeking his first victory in the Kentucky Derby (6-0-0-0). – **Kevin Kerstein**

PAST PERFORMANCES & HISTORY

Brinset.com Triple Crown Past Performances
<https://bit.ly/2RFfUk>

Brisnet.com Risen Star Past Performances
<https://bit.ly/2UYdaOZ>

Brisnet.com El Camino Real Derby Past Performances
<https://bit.ly/2SCYB6w>

Risen Star Stakes History
<https://bit.ly/2SH5seL>

Road to the Kentucky Derby Leaderboards
<http://bit.ly/1NkdWAX>

THE RUNDOWN

John Battaglia Memorial

Friday, Feb. 15, \$75,000, 3yo, 1 1/16 M (Polytrack), Turfway Park (R5), Top 4 Points: 0-0-0-0. 8:12 p.m. ET. TV: TVG.

# Horse	Jockey	Trainer	ML
1. Echo Alpha Six	Ty Kennedy	Marshall Godsey Jr.	10-1
2. Dabo	John McKee	Dale Romans	12-1
3. f-The Mackem Bullet (IRE)*	Luan Machado	Wesley Ward	2-1
4. Dynamic Racer*	Euclyn Prentice Jr.	Ronald Kahles	20-1
5. Wallace*	Perry Ouzts	Kelsey Danner	12-1
6. Maya Solomea	Abel Lezcano	Adolfo Macias	30-1
7. Kentucky Allstar*	Rodney Prescott	Mike Maker	12-1
8. Somelikeithotbrown	Rafael Hernandez	Mike Maker	6-5
9. Zulu Legend*	Christian Pilares	Robert Gorham	20-1
10. Over Protective	Malcolm Franklin	Ronand Kinmon	12-1

* Not Triple Crown nominated

Miracle Wood

Saturday, Feb. 16, \$100,000, 3yo, 1 M, Laurel Park (R5), Top 4 Points: 0-0-0-0. 2:30 p.m. ET. TV: TVG.

# Horse	Jockey	Trainer	ML
1. Trainfourtwentysone*	Anthony Salgado	Philip Aristone	12-1
2. Alwaysmining	Daniel Centeno	Kelly Rubley	7-5
3. Wendell Fong	Jorge Vargas Jr.	Jeremiah Englehart	8-1
4. Mount Travers*	Horacio Karamanos	Linda Rice	9-2
5. Tybalt*	Kevin Gomez	Claudio Gonzalez	5-1
6. Gray Magician	Flavien Prat	Peter Miller	9-2

Rachel Alexandra (GII)

Saturday, Feb. 16, \$200,000, 3yo Fillies, 1 1/16 M, Fair Grounds (R11), Top 4 Points: 50-20-10-5. 6:29 p.m. ET. TV: TVG.

# Horse	Jockey	Trainer	ML
1. Molto Bella	Julien Leparoux	Ian Wilkes	10-1
2. Street Band	Sophie Doyle	Larry Jones	20-1
3. Serengeti Empress	James Graham	Tom Amoss	6-1
4. Positive Spirit	Manny Franco	Rodolphe Brisset	5-1
5. Liora	Channing Hill	Wayne Catalano	12-1
6. Oxy Lady	Adam Beschizza	Jack Sisterson	6-1
7. Bell's the One	Florent Geroux	Neil Pessin	8-1
8. Eres Tu	Ricardo Santana Jr.	Steve Asmussen	12-1
9. Needs Supervision	Joe Rocco Jr.	Jerry O'Dwyer	5-1
10. Chasing Yesterday	Drayden Van Dyke	Bob Baffert	5-2

El Camino Real Derby

Saturday, Feb. 16, \$100,000, 3yo, 1 1/8 M (Tapeta), Golden Gate Fields (R7), Top 4 Points: 10-4-2-1. 6:54 p.m. ET. TV: TVG.

# Horse	Jockey	Trainer	ML
1. Angelo's Pride	Silvio Amador	Bill Delia	30-1
2. King of Speed	Heriberto Figueroa	Jeff Bonde	10-1
3. Data Hawk*	Ricky Gonzalez	Tim McCanna	30-1
4. Anothertwistafate	Juan Hernandez	Blaine Wright	5-2
5. The Creep*	Bricce Blanc	Doug O'Neill	12-1
6. Weekly Call*	Alonso Quinonez	Doug O'Neill	12-1
7. Eagle Song*	Julien Couton	Mark Glatt	5-1
8. Rey Coliman*	Catalino Martinez	Felix Rondan	30-1
9. Kingly	Evin Roman	Bob Baffert	2-1
10. Knight's Cross	Diego Sanchez	Keith Desormeaux	20-1
11. Royal Insider*	Frank Alvarado	Eoin Harty	30-1
12. More Ice	Abel Cedillo	Jerry Hollendorfer	8-1
13. Mayor Cobb	William Antongeorgi III	Jonathan Wong	20-1

* Not Triple Crown nominated

Risen Star presented by Lamarque Ford (GII)

Saturday, Feb. 16, \$400,000, 3yo, 1 1/16 M, Fair Grounds (R12), Top 4 Points: 50-20-10-5. 7:02 p.m. ET. TV: TVG.

# Horse	Jockey	Trainer	ML
1. Plus Que Parfait	Julien Leparoux	Brendan Walsh	10-1
2. Roiland	James Graham	Tom Amoss	20-1
3. Mr. Money	Gabriel Saez	Bret Calhoun	12-1
4. Chase the Ghost	Mitchell Murrill	Dallas Stewart	30-1
5. Henley's Joy	Manny Franco	Mike Maker	10-1
6. Hog Creek Hustle	Florent Geroux	Vickie Foley	8-1
7. Manny Wah	Channing Hill	Wayne Catalano	12-1
8. Owendale	Shaun Bridgmohan	Brad Cox	6-1
9. Country House	Luis Saez	Bill Mott	20-1
10. Limonite	Brian Hernandez Jr.	Steve Asmussen	10-1
11. Dunph	Jose Ortiz	Mike Maker	20-1
12. Frolic More	Corey Lanerie	Dallas Stewart	10-1
13. Kingly	Drayden Van Dyke	Bob Baffert	12-1
14. War of Will	Tyler Gaffalione	Mark Casse	5-2

Also Eligible:

15. Gun It	Ricardo Santana Jr.	Steve Asmussen	10-1
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Hyacinth

Sunday, Feb. 17, 3yo, 1,600 meters, Tokyo Racecourse (R9), Top 4 Points: 30-12-6-3. 12:25 a.m. ET. TV: TVG/TVG2.

# Horse	Jockey	Trainer
1. R Rosso (JPN)*	Kohei Matsuyama	Takeshi Matsushita
2. Imeru (JPN)*	Ryuji Wada	Hidetaka Otonashi
3. Orthographe (IRE)*	Hiroshi Kitamura	Masakazu Ikegami
4. Oval Ace (JPN)*	Masayoshi Ebina	Noboru Takagi
5. Derma Louvre (JPN)	Christophe Lemaire	Hirofumi Toda
6. Nanyo Izayoi (JPN)*	Yutaka Take	Mikio Matsunaga
7. Master Fencer (JPN)	Yasunari Iwata	Koichi Tsunoda
8. Miyake (JPN)*	Nanako Fujita	Akira Murayama
9. Make Happy (JPN)*	Mirco Demuro	Koichi Shinkai
10. Weitblick (JPN)*	Keita Tosaki	Shoichiro Wada

* Not Triple Crown nominated

Southwest (GIII)

Monday, Feb. 18, \$500,000, 3yo, 1 1/16 M, Oaklawn Park (R9), Top 4 Points: 10-4-2-1. 6:10 p.m. ET. TV: TVG.

# Horse	Jockey	Trainer
1. Gray Attempt	Shaun Bridgmohan	Jinks Fires
2. Ninth Street	David Cabrera	Steve Asmussen
3. Cutting Humor	John Velazquez	Todd Pletcher
4. Boldor	Ramon Vazquez	Steve Asmussen
5. Jersey Agenda	Ricardo Santana Jr.	Steve Asmussen
6. Super Steed	Terry Thompson	Larry Jones
7. Sueno	Corey Lanerie	Keith Desormeaux
8. Six Shooter	Stewart Elliott	Paul Holts
9. Bankit	Jose Ortiz	Steve Asmussen
10. Long Range Toddy	Richard Eramia	Steve Asmussen
11. Olympic Runner	David Cohen	Mark Casse

DERBY DETAIL

BAFFERT DUO KINGLY, CHASING YESTERDAY REPORTEDLY SCRATCHING FROM RISEN STAR, RACHEL ALEXANDRA – Trainer Bob Baffert's duo of Kingly and Chasing Yesterday will not ship from Southern California and be scratched from the Risen Star (GII) and Rachel Alexandra (GII), respectively, according to the Hall of Fame conditioner.

Kingly, a maiden winner at Santa Anita, is likely to run in Saturday's El Camino Real Derby while plans for Chasing Yesterday have not been finalized.

With the scratch of Kingly from the Risen Star, also eligible Gun It can draw into the field. – Kevin Kerstein

LONGSHOT BETTORS REJOICE AT RISEN STAR TRENDS

Over the last 10 runnings of the Risen Star, the average odds of the winner is 18-1.

That stat, which is inflated by 135-1 longshot **Ive Struck a Nerve**'s narrow victory in 2013, could have handicappers searching deep within the past performances for Saturday's 47th running of the 1 1/16-mile race.

The last post-time favorite to win the Risen Star was **E1 Padrino** in 2012 and the last post time favorite to hit the board was **Vicar's in Trouble** – who finished third in 2014. – **Kevin Kerstein**

GRAY ATTEMPT HOPES TO BECOME ONLY SECOND HORSE TWO SWEEP SMARTY JONES/SOUTHWEST DOUBLE – Dwight Pruitt's speedy Smarty Jones Stakes winner **Gray Attempt** will try to become only the second horse to sweep both the Smarty Jones Stakes and Southwest Stakes at Oaklawn Park.

The only other horse to sweep both races was **Robert LaPenta** and **Harry Rosenblum's Far Right** in 2015. – **Kevin Kerstein**

THE APOLLO CURSE IS BROKEN BUT STATISTIC OF UNRACED 2-YEAR-OLDS STILL STAGGERING – While **Justify** ultimately silenced any believers in the Apollo Curse by becoming the first horse in 136 years to win the Kentucky Derby without a start as a 2-year-old, there are several Triple Crown nominees that hope to add their names to the historic list.

Out of the 362 Triple Crown nominees, 109, or 30.1%, did not race as at age 2, including promising runners **Hidden Scroll, Dessman, Soldado, Growth Engine and Global Campaign**.

At this point last year, Justify was on the cusp of making his career debut at Santa Anita on Feb. 18, 2018. – **Kevin Kerstein**

PORTION OF NOT THAT BRADY PURSE EARNINGS DONATED TO BELMONT PARK CHARITY – Withers Stakes (GIII) runner-up **Not That Brady** will make his next start in the March 9 Gotham and 10 percent of his purse earnings will be donated to the **Belmont Child Care Association**, according to his owners.

Owned in partnership by trainer **Rudy Rodriguez** along with **Michael Imperio** and **Lianna Stables**, the chestnut-son of Big Brown finished only a head behind Withers winner **Tax** at odds of 8-1. – **Kevin Kerstein**

SAM F. DAVIS RUNNER-UP KENTUCKY WILDCAT OFF TRIPLE CROWN TRAIL – Sam F. Davis (GIII) runner-up **Kentucky Wildcat** injured his right foreleg and had surgery to repair a condylar fracture, according to trainer **Tom Albertrani**.

The impressive maiden winner is owned by **Godolphin Racing**. – **Kevin Kerstein**

SOME LIKE IT HOT BROWN HEADS BATTAGLIA AT TURFWAY – Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf (GI) third-place finisher **Some like it hot brown** heads a field of 10 3-year-olds in Friday night's \$75,000 John Battaglia Memorial at Turfway Park – a local prep for the March 9 Jeff Ruby Steaks (GIII).

The 1 1/16-mile race over the synthetic Polytrack surface was originally scheduled for Feb. 8 but the card was cancelled due to wind chills in the lower 20s.

Carded as Race 5 at approximately 8:12 p.m. EDT, the race is named after longtime Turfway Park and Churchill Downs track announcer and odds maker **Mike Battaglia**'s late father. – **Kevin Kerstein**

JIMMY WINKFIELD WINNER HAIKAL LIKELY TO RUN IN GOTHAM – Trainer **Kiaran McLaughlin**'s New York-based assistant **Joe Lee** reported **Shadwell Stable's Haikal** could run in the Gotham Stakes following his rail-skimming victory in Saturday's Jimmy Winkfield Stakes at Aqueduct.

The bay son of Daaher rallied to get past pace-setting **Joevia** in the final strides of the Winkfield, a seven-furlong race for 3-year-olds. – **Kevin Kerstein**

OAKS, TURF CLASSIC NOMS DUE – Early nominations for the Longines Kentucky Oaks (GI) and the Old Forester Turf Classic (GI) close Saturday. For more information: <http://bit.ly/2spFso1> – **Kevin Kerstein**

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TAKING SHAPE

The possible fields for Kentucky Derby Championship Series races are fluid as horsemen vie for points on the "Road to the Kentucky Derby presented by Woodford Reserve." Below are known horses mentioned to be under consideration for each race based on published news reports and other sources.

FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH (GII)

Saturday, March 2, \$400,000, 3yo, 1 1/16 M, Gulfstream Park, Hallandale Beach, Fla., Top 4 Points: 50-20-10-5.

Horse (Points)	Trainer	Brisnet.com Prime Power	Run Style
Known Likely Starters:			
Maximus Mischief (12)	Butch Reid Jr.	141.8	E 7
Vekoma (0)	George Weaver	136.8	P 6
Code of Honor (4)	Shug McGaughey III	136.6	E/P 4
Hidden Scroll (0)	Bill Mott	133.0	E 6
Bourbon War (1)	Mark Hennig	130.8	E/P 3
Known Possible Starters:			
Signalman (18)	Kenny McPeek	138.8	P 2
Network Effect (4)	Chad Brown	138.4	P 5
Global Campaign (0)	Stanley Hough	133.1	E 6

GOTHAM (GIII)

Saturday, March 9, \$300,000, 3yo, 1 M, Aqueduct, Ozone, N.Y., Top 4 Points: 50-20-10-5.

Horse (Points)	Trainer	Brisnet.com Prime Power	Run Style
Known Likely Starters:			
Not That Brady (4)	Rudy Rodriguez	135.1	E 8
Haikal	Kieran McLaughlin	132.7	S 3
Mind Control (10)	Gregg Sacco	132.1	E/P 5
Known Possible Starters:			
Network Effect (4)	Chad Brown	138.4	P 5
Omaha Beach (0)	Richard Mandella	135.0	E/P 7
Global Campaign (0)	Stanley Hough	133.1	E 6

TAMPA BAY DERBY (GII)

Saturday, March 9, \$400,000, 3yo, 1 1/16 M, Tampa Bay Downs, Oldsmar, Fla., Top 4 Points: 50-20-10-5.

Horse (Points)	Trainer	Brisnet.com Prime Power	Run Style
Known Likely Starters:			
Knicks Go (18)	Ben Colebrook	134.3	E 7
Dream Maker (0)	Mark Casse	129.4	P 4
Known Possible Starters:			
Signalman (18)	Kenny McPeek	138.8	P 2
Well Defined (10)	Kathy O'Connell	136.5	E 6
Global Campaign (0)	Stanley Hough	133.1	E 6

SAN FELIPE (GII)

Saturday, March 9, \$500,000, 3yo, 1 1/16 M, Santa Anita, Arcadia, Calif., Top 4 Points: 50-20-10-5.

Horse (Points)	Trainer	Brisnet.com Prime Power	Run Style
Known Likely Starters:			
Instagrond (0)	Jerry Hollendorfer	136.2	E 6
Known Possible Starters:			
Game Winner (30)	Bob Baffert	153.8	E/P 4
Improbable (10)	Bob Baffert	144.9	E/P 7
Mucho Gusto (14)	Bob Baffert	136.4	E/P 7
Omaha Beach (0)	Richard Mandella	135.0	E/P 7
Gunmetal Gray (18)	Jerry Hollendorfer	128.5	P 0
Nolo Contesto (0)	John Sadler	127.3	E/P 4

JEFF RUBY STEAKS (GIII)

Saturday, March 9, \$200,000, 3yo, 1 1/8 M (Polytrack), Turfway Park, Florence, Ky., Top 4 Points: 20-8-4-2.

Horse (Points)	Trainer	Brisnet.com Prime Power	Run Style
Known Possible Starters:			
Tax (12)	Danny Gargan	137.8	E/P 7

REBEL (GII)

Saturday, March 16, \$1 million, 3yo, 1 1/16 M, Oaklawn Park, Hot Springs, Ark., Top 4 Points: 50-20-10-5.

Horse (Points)	Trainer	Brisnet.com Prime Power	Run Style
Known Possible Starters:			
Game Winner (30)	Bob Baffert	153.8	E/P 4
Improbable (10)	Bob Baffert	144.9	E/P 7
Mucho Gusto (14)	Bob Baffert	136.4	E/P 7
Nolo Contesto (0)	John Sadler	127.3	E/P 4

TWINSPIRES.COM LOUISIANA DERBY (GII)

Saturday, March 23, \$1 million, 3yo, 1 1/8 M, Fair Grounds, New Orleans, La., Top 4 Points: 100-40-20-10.

SUNLAND DERBY (GII)

Sunday, March 24, \$800,000, 3yo, 1 1/8 M, Sunland Park, Hobbs, N.M., Top 4 Points: 50-20-10-5.

UAE DERBY (GII)

Saturday, March 30, \$2.5 million, 3yo, 1 3/16 M, Meydan Racecourse, Dubai, Top 4 Points: 100-40-20-10.

Horse (Points)	Trainer
Known Likely Starters:	
+Estihdaaf (0)	Saeed bin Suroor
Walking Thunder (0)	Ahmad bin Harmash
+Red Cactus (0)	Bent Olsen

FLORIDA DERBY (GI)

Saturday, March 30, \$1 million, 3yo, 1 1/8 M, Gulfstream Park, Hallandale Beach, Fla., Top 4 Points: 100-40-20-10.

Horse (Points)	Trainer	Brisnet.com Prime Power	Run Style
Known Likely Starters:			
Harvey Wallbanger (10)	Kenny McPeek	129.0	S 0

WOOD MEMORIAL (GII)

Saturday, April 6, \$750,000, 3yo, 1 1/8 M, Aqueduct, Ozone, N.Y., Top 4 Points: 100-40-20-10.

Horse (Points)	Trainer	Brisnet.com Prime Power	Run Style
Known Possible Starters:			
Tax (12)	Danny Gargan	137.8	E/P 7

BLUE GRASS (GII)

Saturday, April 6, \$1 million, 3yo, 1 1/8 M, Keeneland, Lexington, Ky., Top 4 Points: 100-40-20-10.

SANTA ANITA DERBY (GI)

Saturday, April 6, \$1 million, 3yo, 1 1/8 M, Santa Anita, Arcadia, Calif., Top 4 Points: 100-40-20-10.

ARKANSAS DERBY (GI)

Saturday, April 13, \$1 million, 3yo, 1 1/8 M, Oaklawn Park, Hot Springs, Ark., Top 4 Points: 100-40-20-10.

LEXINGTON (GIII)

Saturday, April 13, \$200,000, 3yo, 1 1/16 M, Keeneland, Lexington, Ky., Top 4 Points: 20-8-4-2.

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